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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 29, 2003 (Paper No. 32), for which a response was due on December 29, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 29, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.